

QUESTIONS AND GSA RESPONSES
February 14, 2006

SECTION B:

1. The wording in Section B.2 4th para., C.3 1st para, and L.8.3 1st para. Seems to require small business offerors to propose all 4 Service Types, including past performance, whereas other business need only respond to Service Types I-III. (e.g., B.2 states "The offeror shall, at a minimum, provide pricing for one service from Service Type I, one service from Service Type II, and shall offer all services within Service Type III. In addition to Service Types I, II, and III, small businesses may offer Service Type IV..." Please clarify if this was the intent.

GSA RESPONSE: Yes. The Government's intent is for all Offerors to propose Service Types I through III. In addition, only small businesses will have the option to propose Service Type IV. Service Type IV is a small business set-aside. Large businesses can not propose Service Type IV services.

2. Does a Small Business have to quote all Service Types, or can they quote only Service Type IV.?

GSA RESPONSE: Yes. The Government's intent is for all Offerors to propose Service Types I through III. In addition, only small businesses will have the option to propose Service Type IV. Service Type IV is a small business set-aside. Large businesses can not propose Service Type IV services.

SECTION C:

3. Can a small company just bid Service Type IV, completing Volumes I, II, and III? If so, are the page limitations reduced?

GSA RESPONSE: No. Service Type I through III are mandatory for all offerors.

4. Besides "VSAT", can other satellite terminals be included for MSS?

GSA RESPONSE: Yes

5. Would other commercial bands include the L-Band and S-Band?

GSA RESPONSE: Yes.

SECTION H:

6. After the RFP is awarded, what processes will be used to make modifications to the contract?

GSA RESPONSE:

Modifications will be made in accordance with FAR Part 43 and Clause 52.243-1, Alternate II. The RFP will be amended to incorporate Clause 52.243-1 into it.

SECTION I:

7. Is there an anticipated number of awards?

GSA RESPONSE: No. There are no anticipated number of awards. The number of awards depends on the number and quality of proposals received.

SECTION J:

8. In reference to Attachment J-4 (Service Offering Table), is the left-most column simply to state offeror's Company Name?

GSA RESPONSE: Yes. The Offeror shall identify its Company name in the left-most column in the Service Offering Table (Attachment J-4).

SECTION L:

9. Section L.5.2 Binding, Labeling and Indexing includes the text: "Each binder and CD-ROM shall contain a detailed table of contents to delineate the subparagraphs and associated page number within volumes. Tab indexing shall be used to identify sections."

Including subparagraphs in a table of contents is unusual. Was it the government's intent to include subsections, and not subparagraphs, in the table of contents? Please clarify.

GSA RESPONSE: "Subsections" and "subparagraphs" are considered the same.

10. In Section L.6, Table L.1, it lists page limitations for the Technical Volume as 200 pages. Under Section L.8.4, offerors are required to provide an unpriced copy of proposed pricing tables provided in the Pricing Volume which has no page limitations. Are the unpriced tables in the Technical volume subject to the 200 page limit for the Technical Volume?

GSA RESPONSE: No. The unpriced tables are not included in the page limitations for the Technical Volume.

11. In Section L.6, Table L.1, it lists page limitations for the Technical Volume as 200 pages. Under Section L.8.5, offerors are required to provide a Cross Reference Matrix. Are the cross reference tables in the Technical volume subject to the 200 page limit for the Technical Volume?

GSA RESPONSE: No. The Cross Reference Matrix is not included in the page limitations for the Technical Volume.

12. In Section L.8.3, page L-9, will the past performances of subcontractors qualify as past performance inputs for the prime?

GSA RESPONSE: No (This was the answer stated at the pre-proposal conference—however, it is being revisited)

13. Section L.8.4 Section B Tables without pricing (TAB D) requires including the pricing tables (without prices) in volume II. These tables can be very long. Please confirm that these are not included in the page limits for Volume II.

GSA RESPONSE: No. The unpriced pricing tables are not included in the page limits for Volume II.

14. Section L.6, Table L.1 lists page limitations for the Management Volume as 50 pages. Under Section L.7.3, are Representations, Certifications, and other statements of offerors subject to this page limitation?

GSA RESPONSE: No. Representations, Certifications, and other statements are not included in the page limitations for the Management Volume.

15. Section L.6, Table L.1 lists page limitations for the Management Volume as 50 pages. Under Section L.7.5, is the Subcontracting Plan subject to this page limitation?

GSA RESPONSE: No. The Subcontracting Plan is not subject to the page limitation for the Management Volume.

16. Do the returned "sealed envelopes" for Past Performance, as described in Para L.8.3 count against the page count for the Technical Volume?

GSA RESPONSE: No.

17. Section L, Page L-5, Para L.5.1—The requirement states: Each page shall be counted except the following: any Cover Sheet, Table of Contents, Tabs, Glossaries of

terms/abbreviations/acronyms, matrixes, and organizational charts. There are several items that the RFP requires contractors to submit part of the proposal that consume relatively large portions of the stated page limitations and that are ordinarily excluded from the page count. We recommend that the following items be added to the list of items excluded from the page count: Representations, Certifications, and Other Statements of Offerors; Key Personnel Resumes (not exceed three), Section B Tables without pricing (in Technical Volume); Cross Reference Tables; Small Business Plan; and Commercial Technical Documentation.

GSA RESPONSE: Key Personnel Resumes (not exceed three) are not being requested as part of this solicitation. Other parts of this question are duplicated and answered elsewhere.

18. Section L, Page L-14, Para L.9.2—The requirement here, as well as elsewhere in the RFP, addresses labor categories associated solely with Service Type IV. It is conceivable that the Government could save money, under certain conditions of Type III services, by acquiring the services on a time and materials, fixed labor rate basis for services such as installation or integration. We recommend that the Government provide in paragraph L.9.2 for offerors to submit at their option, a list of labor categories and rates available on a time and materials, fixed labor rate basis for Service Type III.

GSA RESPONSE: This is a fixed price contract.

MISCELLANEOUS:

19. After award what processes will be used to announce and compete task orders? Will RFQs be announced through GSA Ebuy?

GSA RESPONSE: Task orders will be issued by individual agencies and are to be issued in accordance with FAR 16.505(b) providing each awardee a fair opportunity to be considered for each order exceeding \$2,500. The TASK ORDER Contracting Officer may exercise broad discretion in developing appropriate order placement procedures.

20. Since bidders can establish their own units of measure for CLINS for Service Types 1-3, how will the GSA evaluate bidders on price?

GSA RESPONSE: Section M of the RFP describes the evaluation process for this solicitation.

21. Will a list of attendees to the SATCOM-II pre-proposal conference be provided?

GSA RESPONSE: Yes. A list will be posted on the GSA Website (<http://www.gsa.gov/satcom>) and FedBizOpps.

22. Can an extension be granted?

GSA RESPONSE: GSA does not anticipate granting an extension to extend the response time to the RFP.

23. What is the last day to submit questions?

GSA RESPONSE: GSA cannot commit to answer any questions received after February 22, 2006.